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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: PARTICIPATION OF PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR IN MONTHLY
NATO MEETINGS

1. AT THE MONTHLY MEETING OF THE NATO CHIEFS OF
MISSION NOVEMBER 14, THE BELGIAN AMBASSADOR RAISED THE
QUESTION OF THE ATTITUTDE WHICH THE GROUP SHOULD TAKE
TOWARDS THE PORTUGUESE AMBASSADOR, WHO IS EXPECTED TO
ARRIVE SHORTELY IN WARSAW.

2. SEVERAL PARTICIPANTS IN THE MEETING HAD RECEIVED
INFORMATION ON THE AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE. HE IS
ANTONIO AUGUSTO COELHO BARTOLO, BORN 1923, A GRADUATE
IN LAW OF THE UNIVERSITY OF LISBON, AND A DIPLOMAT
OF CAREER WITH EARLIER SERVICE IN BELGIUM, BRAZIL,
FRANCE, COSTA RICA, AND PANAMA.

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3. THE CONSENSUS OF THE GROUP, WHICH INCLUDED

ALL THE NATO AMBASSADORS RESIDENT AT WARSAW (EXCEPT THE FRENCH, WHO DOES NOT PARTICPATE), WAS THAT INSTRUCTIONS WOULD HAVE TO BE SOUGHT FROM HOME FOREIGN OFFICES. WHILE NOTE WAS TAKEN OF THE FACT THAT COELHO IS A CAREER DIPLOMAT, WHOSE SERVICE BEGAN LONG BEFORE THE CHANGE OF REGIME IN LISBON, THERE WAS AN EVIDENT FEELING THAT IT WOULD BE DIFFICULT TO INCLUDE HIM IN THESE MEETINGS WITHOUT RUNNING THE RISK THAT THE CONTENT OF OUR DISCUSSIONS MIGHT BE PASSED TO UNAUTHORIZED RECEIPIENTS, EITHER IMMEDIATELY OR AT SOME LATER DATE.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: I WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING:

(A) BIOGRAPHIC INFORMATION ON COELHO, TOGETHER WITH AN ESTIMATE OF HIS CURRENT LEARNINGS AND LOYALTIES, AND (B) GUIDANCE ON THE ATTITUTED I SHOULD TAKE WITH MY NATO COLLEAGUES AND TOWARDS COELHO, WHEN HE ARRIVES, ON THE QUESTION OF HIS PARTICIPATION IN THESE VERY USEFUL MONTHLY MEETINGS OF NATO AMBASSADORS.
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